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Thursday's CAG meeting, held in Huntington Park, was co-chaired by Barbara Lee, Barry Wallerstein and Mark Lopez (EYCEJ) and was very well attended. Press included Randy Paige, local CBS station, whose [story](#) aired on the 10 o'clock news.

Highlights

- Barbara announced that 7 million dollars of DTSC funds have been directed toward continued sampling and clean-up. This funding is what would have been dedicated to orphan site clean-up. About half would go toward clean-up of priority one properties and half would go toward sampling of the expanded area to the east (this includes the City of Commerce.)
- Presentations by both DTSC's Dr. Kate Burger and Dr. Alan Love, consultant to LA County, conveyed that sampling to date indicated that Exide's lead contamination extended a little less than two miles north and south of the facility, consistent with AQMD's earlier modeling of stack emissions and with levels of antimony found. More data is necessary to understand the area to the east.
- OEHHA's Jim Carlisle provided a brief background on the rationale behind the state's establishment of 80 ppm as the health screening level for lead in soil.
- Cal/EPA's Dr. Gina Solomon acknowledged that DTSC understood well the need for cleaning up the soils but noted that at the levels detected, residents would not feel immediate health impacts nor did they need to move out. She stressed the importance of simple practices to reduce the risk of exposure from lead in residential soils and urged residents to take advantage of blood lead level testing, particularly for children.
- Many commenters spoke, including a young man suffering from brain cancer who grew up less than a mile from the facility. Ex-workers spoke about health concerns and some of the same people who complained at the previous meeting that despite lead levels at their properties exceeding the 1000 ppm level, cleanup had still not occurred.

- References to EPA - multiple speakers mentioned the need for federal take-over of the clean-up. Barbara spoke to this by putting the overall price tag for the Exide clean up (hundreds of millions) in the context of EPA's budget for clean-up for the entire Region. Barbara also stated that DTSC is reviewing EPA's clean-up activities in other regions at similar sites to look for efficiencies.
- There were also calls for an independent neutral overseer of DTSC's activities on the site.

Process

- DTSC has brought on a facilitator, Dave Ceppos of Sacramento State Univ. He had 24 hours to prepare for the meeting but had not been part of advising DTSC on the meeting design or on the agenda.
- Additional process changes made included allowing more time for the public at large (versus CAG members) to ask questions and make comments and holding speakers, including CAG co-chairs, to 2 minutes or less in either responding or making remarks.
- Barbara had to catch a return flight so this was a factor in the meeting ending closer to the 8 pm cut off (as was the fact that the venue needed to shut down at 830)
- Continuing process challenges: notice of the meeting the day of; materials provided the day of, rather than in advance; no date set for the September meeting.

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